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SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION urging Governor Pence to proclaim March, 2013 as Multiple System Atrophy (MSA) Awareness Month.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION urging Governor Pence to
2 proclaim March, 2013 as Multiple System Atrophy (MSA)
3 Awareness Month.

4 *Whereas, MSA, as defined by the National Institute of*
5 *Neurological Disorders and Stroke, is a progressive*
6 *neurodegenerative disorder characterized by a combination of*
7 *symptoms that affects both the autonomic nervous system and*
8 *movement;*

9 *Whereas, The cause or causes of MSA are unknown and*
10 *there is no known cure;*

11 *Whereas, MSA can take years to identify because of its*
12 *similarity to Parkinson's disease;*

13 *Whereas, MSA is categorized into two types, Parkinsonian*
14 *and Cerebellar, and the categorization is based on the most*
15 *prominent symptoms at the time an individual is evaluated;*

16 *Whereas, Primary symptoms of the Parkinsonian type*
17 *(MSA-P) are slow movement, stiff muscles, tremors, balance*
18 *and coordination problems, and autonomic nervous system*



1 *dysfunction;*

2 *Whereas, Primary symptoms of the Cerebellal type (MSA-*
 3 *C) are difficulty swallowing, slurred speech, a quavering voice,*
 4 *and ataxia;*

5 *Whereas, Additional symptoms include chronic shortening*
 6 *of muscles or tendons around joints, abnormal body posture,*
 7 *uncontrollable sighing or gasping, inappropriate laughing or*
 8 *crying, fainting and dizziness due to severely low blood*
 9 *pressure, bladder and bowel issues, loss of fine motor skills,*
 10 *impotence, nausea, vision changes, dry mouth and skin, trouble*
 11 *regulating body temperature, and sleep disturbances;*

12 *Whereas, Treatment to control individual symptoms is*
 13 *available, but there is currently nothing to prevent the disease*
 14 *from getting worse;*

15 *Whereas, Upon diagnosis, the typical survival time is 7 to*
 16 *9 years, although almost 80% are bedridden or wheelchair*
 17 *dependent after only 5 years;*

18 *Whereas, Prevalence of MSA is estimated at 4.6 cases per*
 19 *100,000 people, and is more common in men than in women:*
 20 *Therefore,*

21 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
 22 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

23 SECTION 1. The Indiana Senate urging Governor Pence to
 24 proclaim March, 2013 as Multiple System Atrophy (MSA) Awareness
 25 Month.

